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SUMMARY: DURING ITS AUGUST 21 SESSION, NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PARTI DU PEUPLE MAURITANIEN (PPM) NAMED NEW NATIONAL POLITICAL BUREAU (BPN). PARTY SECRETARY GENERAL OULD DADDAH ANNOUNCED EXECUTIVE BRANCH REORGANIZATION AND NAMES OF NEW SUPER-MINISTERS, CALLED MINISTERS OF STATE, WHO WILL BE IN CHARGE OF KEY SUBSTANTIVE SECTORS. ADDITIONAL 20 NEW MINISTERS WERE NAMED FOLLOWING DAY. REORGANIZATION HAS EFFECT OF MERGING EXECUTIVE BRANCH AND PARTY STRUCTURE, THUS ENDING PREVIOUS DUALITY. END SUMMARY.

1. NEWLY-NAMED 120-MEMBER NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PPM MET ON AUGUST 21 IN NOUAKCHOTT. MAURITANIAN PRESIDENT AND PPM SECRETARY GENERAL OULD DADDAH ANNOUNCED EXECTUVE BRANCH REORGANIZATION AND NAMES OF EIGHT NEW MINISTERS OF STATE WHO WILL SERVE AS SUPER-MINISTERS IN CHARGE OF SUB-
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2. OUTLINE OF REORGANIZATION AND NAMES OF MINISTERS OF STATE AND MINISTERS FOLLOW:

A. NATIONAL ORIENTATION SECTOR: ABDOUL AZIZ SALL (PREVIOUSLY PERMANENT UNDER SECRETARY OF THE PARTY);

(1) MINISTER OF CULTURE: AHMEDOU OULETOLBA (PREVIOUSLY AMBASSADOR TO IRAQ);

(2) MINISTER OF YOUTH AND SPORTS; SID AHMED OULD DEY (PREVIOUSLY DIRECTOR OF SCHOOL FOR TEACHERS);

(3) MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS: MOUSTAPHA OULD CHECIKH MOHAMEDOU (PREVIOUSLY ASSISTANT GOVERNOR OF CENTRAL BANK);

(4) MINISTER CHARGED WITH ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARIAT OF THE PARTY: BA MAMADOU ALASSANE (PREVIOUSLY MINISTER OF YOUTH AND SPORTS);

(5) NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR ECONOMICS AND POLITICS.
B. INTERNAL SOVEREIGNTY SECTOR: AHMED OULD MOHAMED SALAH (PREVIOUSLY MINISTER OF INTERIOR);

(1) MINISTER OF JUSTICE: MALOUM OULD BRAHAM (PREVIOUSLY MINISTER OF CRAFTS AND TOURISM);

(2) MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENSE: DR. ABDALLAHI OULD BAH (PREVIOUSLY MINISTER OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS);

(3) MINISTER OF INTERIOR: CHEIKH SAAD BOUH KANE (PREVIOUSLY AMBASSADOR TO ALGERIA);J
C. NATIONAL ECONOMY SECTOR: SIDI OULD CHEIKH ABDALLAHI (PREVIOUSLY MINISTER OF PLANNING AND INDUSTRIALIZATION);

(1) MINISTER OF PLANNING: BA IBRAHIMA (PREVIOUSLY DIRECTOR OF PLANNING);

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(2) MINISTER OF FINANCE: MOULAYE MOHAMED (PREVIOUSLY FINANCIAL CONTROLLER);

(3) MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TRANSPORT: HASNI OULD DIDI (PREVIOUSLY MINISTER FOR NOUAKCHOTT-NEMA ROAD);

(4) MINISTER OF INDUSTRIALIZATION AND MINES WITH

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SUPERVISION OVER SOCIETE NATIONALE INDUSTRIELLE ET MINIERE (SNIM): ISHAQ OULD RAGEL (PREVIOUSLY DIRECTOR OF MINES).

D. RURAL DEVELOPMENT SECTOR: SOUMARE DIARAMOUNA (PREVIOUSLY MINISTER OF FINANCE);

(1) MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT: ABDALLAHI OULD DADDAH (PREVIOUSLY MINISTER OF EQUIPMENT);

(2) MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES: MOHAMED OULD AMAR (PREVIOUSLY SECRETARY GENERAL OF OMVS);

(3) MINISTER OF CONSTRUCTION: AHMED OULD SIDI BABA (PREVIOUSLY MINISTER OF CULTURE AND INFORMATION).

E. HUMAN RESOURCE AND ISLAMIC AFFAIRS SECTOR: ABDALLAHI OULD BOYE (PREVIOUSLY MINISTER OF JUSTICE);

(1) MINISTER OF NATIONAL EDUCATION: DIOP MAMADOU AMADOU (PREVIOUSLY MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT);

(2) MINISTER OF FUNDAMENTAL EDUCATION: MOHAMEDEN OULD BABBAH (PREVIOUSLY MINISTER OF FUNDAMENTAL EDUCATION & RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS);

(3) MINISTRY OF ISLAMIC AFFAIRS: HAMADAN OULD TAH (PREVIOUSLY DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS).

F. SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT SECTOR: ABDOULAYE BARO (PREVIOUSLY MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS AND LABOR);

(1) MINISTER OF HEALTH: DR. MOULAYE ABDEL MOUMINE
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(PREVIOUSLY DIRECTOR OF HEALTH);

(2) MINISTER OF FAMILY PROTECTION AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS: MRS. AISSATA KANE (PREVIOUSLY PRESIDENT OF THE SUPERIOR COUNCIL OF WOMEN);

(3) MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS: ABDALLAHI OULD CHEIKH (PREVIOUSLY MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TRANSPORT).

G. FOREIGN AFFAIRS SECTOR: HAMDI OULD MOUKNASS (PREVIOUSLY MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS);

(1) MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS: HAMDI OULD MOUKNASS.

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H. CONTROL AND INVESTIGATION SECTOR: ABDOUL AZIZ SALL, ACTING (PREVIOUSLY PERMANENT UNDERSECREARY OF THE PARTY). THIS SECTOR, CONTRARY TO THE OTHERS, DOES NOT HAVE ITS OWN ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURES , ITS ACTIVITIES WILL BE CONDUCTED THROUGH PARTY STRUCTURES.

I. IN ADDITION, NEW MINISTER FOR THE PRESIDENCY OF THE REPUBLIC, SIDI MOHAMED DIAGANA PREVIOUSLY MINISTER FOR NATIONAL DEFENSE), HAS BEEN NAMED. IT IS NOT CLEAR WHERE THIS POSITION FITS IN THE ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE.

3. NATIONAL COUNCIL DESIGNATED NEW SEVEN-MEMBER BPN. MEMBERS ARE ONE AND SAME AS NEW MINISTERS OF STATE, THUS EMPHASIZING LINKAGE BETWEEN EXECUTIVE BRANCH AND PARTY. (BPN WILL PRESUMABLY BE INCREASED TO EIGHT MEMBERS ONCE PERMANENT MINISTER OF STATE FOR CONTROL AND INVESTIGATION SECTOR IS NAMED.)

4. OULD DADDAH POINTED OUT DURING ANNOUNCEMENT OF REORGANIZATION THAT HENCEFFORTH GOVERNMENTAL STRUC-TURE WILL ALLOW FOR THE SHARING OF TASKS WITH BPN, WHOSE MEMBERSHIP COINCIDES WITH MINISTERS OF STATE. MINISTERS OF STATE WILL HAVE DIRECT, GLOBAL AND PRECISE SECTORAL RESPONSIBILITIES FOR ASSURING, EACH WITHIN HIS OWN SECTOR, FULL AND COMPLETE COORDINATION,
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INSTIGATING, AND CONTROLLING OF THE MINISTERIES UNDER HIM. OULD DADDAH CONCLUDED THAT THIS RESTRUCTURING "PUTS AN END TO THE DUALITY OF PARTY AND GOVERNMENT AND ESTABLISHES THE EFFECTIVE PREEMINENCE OF THE PARTY OVER ALL ADMINISTRATIVE MECHANISMS".
NO MINISTER IN FORMER CABINET HAS BEEN DROPPED FROM GOVERNMENT. EACH IS EITHER MINISTER OF STATE OR MINISTER IN NEW CABINET. DUE TO INCREASE IN NUMBER OF MINISTERS, HOWEVER, THERE ARE ELEVEN NEW FACES, INCLUDING NEW WOMAN FOR FIRST TIME IN HISTORY OF CABINET. THOSE NEW FACES WITH WHOM WE ARE FAMILIAR SUGGEST THAT THERE HAS BEEN AN INFUSION OF YOUNG TECHNOCRATS. OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO AID IS FACT THAT MOHAMED OULD AMAR, FORMERLY DIRECTOR GENERAL OF OMVS, HAS BEEN NAMED MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, NO REPLACEMENT HAS BEEN NAMED FOR OULD AMAR. IN ADDITION, FORMER MINISTER OF HEALTH AND DIRECTOR DISASTER (DROUGHT) RELIEF PROGRAM DR. ABDALLAHI OULD BAH, HAS MOVED TO NATIONAL DEFENSE. MISSION HAS HAD FREQUENT DEALINGS, HOWEVER WITH NEW MINISTER OF HEALTH, DR. MOULAYE ABDEL MOUMINE.HANDYSIDE

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